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Sen. Van Woerkom wins funding for Little Black Creek study

LANSING – Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom succeeded Tuesday in getting funding for an important water-quality study of Little Black Creek included in a state budget bill that now heads to the governor.

The money had been included in a previous spending bill earlier this year, but the project was vetoed by the governor. The governor vetoed the item even though the Michigan Department of Community Health in August warned the public to be careful when dealing with floodplain soil near the creek and said the soil should be tested for contamination.

“The governor needs to approve this project so we can start right away to identify the problems of Little Black Creek,” said Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores. “We’ve made such good progress in dealing with Muskegon County’s environmental problems, and I hope the governor will join us in this effort by signing this budget into law.”

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